



LIGHTS, CAMERA... SUMMER ACTION!

Here's your guide to what's hot at the movies over the festive season

MOVIES have come up trumps again for the Christmas-New Year holiday season.

Some of Hollywood's biggest stars are back on the silver screen and there are films to suit every member of the family — comedy, romance, drama, horror, fantasy, science fiction, thrillers, action-packed adventures, animated classics and period films.

Likely to be one of this season's biggest box-office hits is *The Addams Family*, starring Anjelica Huston as Morticia, Raul Julia as

ABOVE: Heather Graham and James Walters celebrate the birth of rock 'n' roll in *Shout*.

RIGHT: Christopher Lambert and Sean Connery, the stars of *Highlander II*.

Gomez and Christopher Lloyd as Uncle Fester.

Inspired by the darkly-humorous cartoons drawn by Charles Addams and the hit Sixties television series, *The Addams Family* centres on the threat posed to the kooky family's Gothic lifestyle.

Here are other offerings:

The Fisher King, starring





● The Addams Family, in a movie inspired by the popular TV series, and below, Danny Glover (left) and Martin Short on the trail of an accident-prone heiress in *Pure Luck*.

Robin Williams and Jeff Bridges, is the story of a man's attempt to redeem himself through an unlikely alliance with a visionary street-person.

Freddy's Dead — The Final Nightmare is the last chapter of Hollywood's most successful nightmare, with Robert Englund again starring as the disfigured child-killer Freddy Krueger. Alice Cooper, Roseanne Barr and Johnny Depp also make appearances.

Hot Shots teams reformed "brat packer" Charlie Sheen with screen veterans George C. Scott and Lloyd Bridges for a send-up of fly-boy movies such as *Top Gun*. It tells the story of a misfit band of navy pilots being trained for a mission against a Libyan chemical weapons plant.

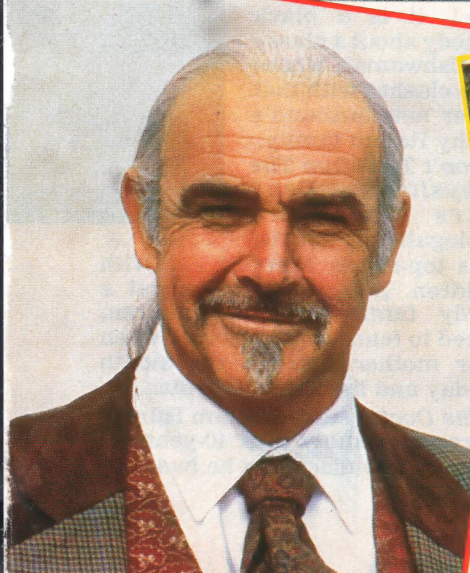
Stepkids is the funny and touching story of Laura, whose parents have divorced and remarried so many times, she feels lost in a sea of stepchildren. It stars Margaret Whitton and Griffin Dunne.

Point Break is the story of a reckless young FBI agent (Keanu Reeves) who infiltrates the clan-ish surfer world to crack a bank robbery ring. He is befriended by its leader (Patrick Swayze), which puts his mission in jeopardy.

The first Hollywood film by Australians Nadia Tass and David Parker, *Pure Luck*, is a comedy starring Martin Short as an accident-prone accountant and Danny Glover as a straight-laced cop on a mission to find the world's most accident-prone heiress.

Another comedy, *All I Want For Christmas*, is about two New York

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City children who want to bring their estranged parents together during the holiday season. It stars Harley Jane Kozak and Thora Birch, with Leslie Nielsen as Santa! Lauren Bacall also appears.

Shout, starring John Travolta and newcomers James Walters and Heather Graham, is a dance musical set against the background of the birth of rock 'n roll.

The animated *American Tail: Fievel Goes West*, picks up the story of Fievel, the enchanting mouse hero of the 1986 box-office winner *An American Tail*. The immigrant Mousekewitz family has discovered that the streets of New York are not paved with cheese. They live in a poor mouse tenement, but Fievel dreams of going West and becoming a tough lawman — or, rather, lawdog — like his hero, Sheriff Wylie Burp. Voices are provided by James Stewart, Dom DeLuise, John Cleese and Amy Irving.

Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country stars William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy and DeForest Kelley. In the final adventure of the starship *Enterprise*, Captain James T. Kirk pits the Federation against its sworn enemy, the Klingon Empire.

Mobsters stars heartthrobs Christian Slater, Patrick Dempsey, Richard Grieco and Australia's Costas Mandylor. Dealing with the rise of organized crime in the U.S. between 1917 and 1931, it traces the friendship which develops between four men who become the most powerful in the underworld.

Necessary Roughness is an American football comedy about an honest coach and his assistant, who face the task of making competitors out of a group of outlandish and unconventional college athletes. It stars Scott Bakula, Robert Loggia, Harley Jane Kozak and Hector Elizondo.

In *The Rocketeer*, set in Los Angeles in 1938, young air-racing pilot Cliff Secord (Bill Campbell) finds an experimental rocket pack that allows him to fly without an aircraft. But spies and villains — notably Timothy Dalton — do their best to take the device. Jennifer Connelly plays the hero's girlfriend, Jenny Blake.

Curly Sue stars James Belushi,

● From left, Richard Grieco, Christian Slater, Patrick Dempsey and Costas Mandylor are *Mobsters*.

Kelly Lynch and the captivating Alisan Porter. This John Hughes comedy is about an eight-year-old girl who, along with her street-wise guardian, charms her way into the life of an uptight, cynical woman lawyer.

Australia's Judy Davis stars in *Where Angels Tread*, with Helena Bonham Carter and Helen Mirren. Based on E. M. Forster's classic novel, it is a black comedy about a classy Englishwoman whose style clashes with that of her new husband's earthy Italian family.

Don't Tell Mum The Babysitter's Dead stars Christina Applegate of television's top-rating *Married... With Children*. It is a comedy about a rowdy family of five children, forced to fend for themselves when their mother takes a two-month holiday and the babysitter dies.

The Doctor stars William Hurt in a dramatic study of a 40-year-old surgeon who discovers he has can-



● Fievel Mousekewitz goes West in his new adventure, and left, Jennifer Connelly and Bill Campbell go flying high in *The Rocketeer*.

daughter — and paying a hefty wedding bill.

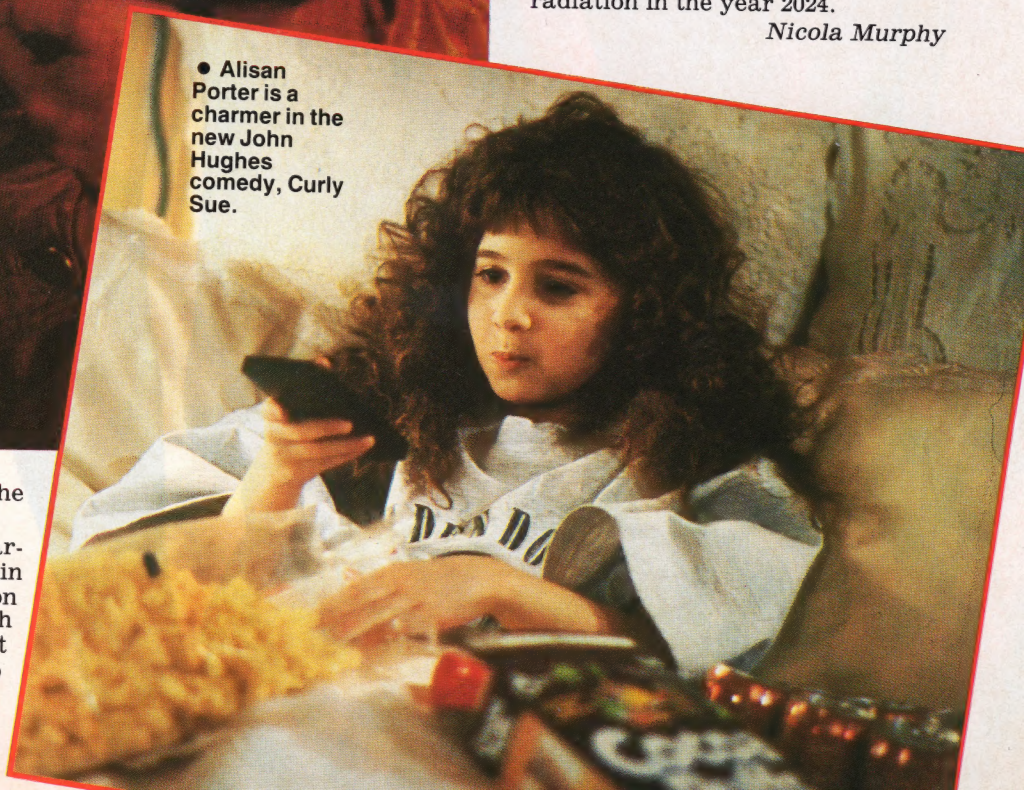
Truly, Madly, Deeply is the story of Nina who is lovesick over Jamie — even though Jamie's dead. Nina's having a tough time letting go, until Jamie returns as a ghost!

JFK, directed by Oliver Stone, stars Kevin Costner as a district attorney who takes on the Warren Commission's version of events surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Highlander II — The Quickening stars Sean Connery and Christopher Lambert. There's a plot to destroy an artificial shield that protects Earth from harmful solar radiation in the year 2024.

Nicola Murphy

● Alisan Porter is a charmer in the new John Hughes comedy, *Curly Sue*.



cer and is forced to rely on the medical opinions of others.

Father Of The Bride (Steve Martin, Diane Keaton and Martin Short) is a contemporary version of the Fifties comedy which starred Spencer Tracy. It looks at a besieged father who has to come to terms with losing his